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# Past and Present:

## Pathways to Empowerment



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On October 10, Alice Raftary and Ruth Kaarlela were inducted, as Living Legends, into the Hall of Fame at American Printing House for the Blind. Photos of their Hall of Fame bas relief sculptures appear on the program cover.

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**PROGRAM**  
**Thursday, November 14**

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Registration

Orientation to the hotel will be provided.

9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Tour, American Printing House for the Blind

9:30 a.m.

Board Vans for APH

11:40 a.m.

Board Vans to return to Holiday Inn

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Lunch, provided, Ballroom A

1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m.

Welcomes, business issues, and updates  
Ballroom A

Welcome: Tuck Tinsley, President

American Printing House for the Blind

Conference Info: Terrie Terlau

American Printing House for the Blind

MACRT Update: Jennifer Ottowitz, President  
MACRT

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1:45 p.m.-2:45 p.m.

**"Future Directions in Rehabilitation Teaching"**

Ballroom A

Lisa-Anne Mowerson, RTC

Director of Community and Support Services

Pittsburgh Vision Services

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Moderator: Jennifer Ottowitz, RTC

Badger Association of the Blind

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

2:45 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

**"Self-Advocacy: the Cornerstone to Independence:  
Teaching Strategies and Materials"**

Ballroom A

Priscilla A. Rogers, Ph.D.

National Agenda on Aging

American Foundation for the Blind

New York, New York

Moderator: Terrie Terlau, Research Associate

American Printing House for the Blind

Louisville, Kentucky

4:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

**"Using Raised Markers: Helping Seniors  
Regain Control of Their World"**

Ballroom A

Don Golembiewski, RTC

Director, Outreach Program

The Hadley School for the Blind

Winnetka, Illinois

Moderator: Alice Raftary, RTC

Dearborn, Michigan

6:00 p.m.

ASERT and MACRT Board Meetings

Locations to be announced

Dinner, on your own

**Friday, November 15**

7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Registration

**Concurrent Sessions**

8:00 a.m.-8:50 a.m.

**"Bridging the Gap: Best Practices for Instructing Adults who are Visually Impaired and have Low Literacy Skills"**

Ballroom A

Tina Tucker, M.A., M.E.D.

National Program Associate in Literacy

American Foundation for the Blind National Literacy Center

Atlanta, Georgia

Susan Dalton, RTC

Transition Specialist

TransVision Program

Woodstock, Illinois

Moderator: Zeze Miller, RTC

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind

Jefferson City, Missouri

**"Adult Life/Daily Living Projects at APH"**

Room B

Terrie Terlau, Ph.D.

Research Associate, Adult Life Project Leader

American Printing House for the Blind

Louisville, Kentucky



Moderator: Carol Roderick, Research Assistant  
American Printing House for the Blind  
Louisville, Kentucky

### **Concurrent Sessions**

9:00 a.m.-9:50 a.m.

#### **“Assistive Technology for Rehabilitation Teachers”**

Ballroom A

Larry Skutchan, B.A.

Research Scientist, Technology Project Leader

American Printing House for the Blind

Louisville, Kentucky

Moderator: Carol Roderick, Research Assistant  
American Printing House for the Blind  
Louisville, Kentucky

#### **“Dealing with Print”**

Room B

Marcia Gevers, RTC

Indiana Family & Social Services Administration

Itinerant Rehabilitation Teacher

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Moderator: Judith K. Smith, RTC  
Indiana Family and Social Services  
Administration  
South Bend, Indiana

10:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Break

## **Concurrent Sessions**

10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

### **“Adult Consequences of Pediatric Eye Pathologies”**

Ballroom A

Paul Rychwalski, M.D.

Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Services  
Chief of Pediatric Ophthalmology at Kosair Children's  
Hospital

University of Louisville School of Medicine  
Louisville, Kentucky

Moderator: Jane E. Thompson, Director  
Accessible Textbook Initiative and  
Collaboration  
American Printing House for the Blind  
Louisville, Kentucky

### **“Crossing the Cultural Divide: Strategies for Connection and Rehabilitation”**

Room B

Zeze Miller, RTC

Older Blind Program Manager  
Rehabilitation Services for the Blind  
Jefferson City, Missouri

Nancy Parkin-Bashizi, COMS, RTC  
Itinerant Orientation and Mobility and Rehabilitation  
Teacher  
Blind and Low Vision Services of North Georgia  
Smyrna, Georgia

Latisha Houston, RTC  
Certified Rehabilitation Instructor  
Illinois Center for Rehabilitation and Education for Blind  
and Visually Impaired  
Chicago, Illinois

Moderator: Terrie Terlau, Research Associate  
American Printing House for the Blind  
Louisville, Kentucky

12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Conference Banquet**

**"Rehabilitation Teaching: The Joyful Profession"**

Speaker: Alice Raftary, RTC  
Dearborn, Michigan

**Concurrent Sessions**

2:00 p.m.-2:50 p.m.

**"Locating Books and Daily Living Tips: How to use  
Louis and Fred's Head"**

Ballroom A

Maria Delgado, B.A.

Database Field Representative

American Printing House for the Blind  
Louisville, Kentucky

Moderator: Terrie Terlau, Research Associate  
American Printing House for the Blind  
Louisville, Kentucky

## **"Diabetes Update: What's New?"**

Room B

Beth Ackerman, C.D.E., R.D.

Certified Diabetes Educator

Joslin Diabetes Center at Floyd Memorial Hospital

New Albany, Indiana

Moderator: Carol Roderick, Research Assistant

American Printing House for the Blind

Louisville, Kentucky

3:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m.

Break

## **Concurrent Sessions**

3:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

### **"What Does my Student See?"**

Ballroom A

Elaine Kitchel, RTC

Research Scientist, Low Vision Project Leader

American Printing House for the Blind

Louisville, Kentucky

Moderator: Marcia Gevers, RTC

Indiana Family and Social Services

Administration

Fort Wayne, Indiana

## **"Learning to Perceive through Touch: Pre-Braille and Tactile Graphics Tips"**

Room B

Eleanor Pester, M.S.

Research Scientist, Braille Project Leader

American Printing House for the Blind

Louisville, Kentucky

Karen Poppe, B.A.

Research Associate, Tactile Graphics Project Leader

American Printing House for the Blind

Louisville, Kentucky

Fred Otto, B.A.

Tactile Graphics Research Associate

American Printing House for the Blind

Louisville, Kentucky

Moderator: Carol Roderick, Research Assistant

American Printing House for the Blind

Louisville, Kentucky

4:50 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Second Chance Session

Ballroom A

Multiple presenters

5:30 p.m.

Dinner, on your own

7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Recreational Gathering

Ballroom A

Zeze Miller, Organizer



## **Saturday, November 16**

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

MACRT and ASERT Business Meetings  
Locations to be announced

9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

### **"Tips to Share with Blind Parents"**

Ballroom A

Latisha Houston, RTC

Certified Rehabilitation Instructor

Illinois Center for Rehabilitation and Education for Blind  
and Visually Impaired  
Chicago, Illinois

Moderator: Terrie Terlau, Research Associate  
American Printing House for the Blind  
Louisville, Kentucky

10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Break, Check out

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Show and Tell Idea Share/Adjourn  
Ballroom A

Moderator: Jennifer Ottowitz, RTC  
Badger Association of the Blind  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



# Notes

